

curing self-denial offerings for missions from those who are saving up for foolish celebration.

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The Christian Life

O Jesus, King Most Glorious

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O Jesus, King most glorious,
Round whom the seraphs sing;
What tribute can my humble heart
Unto thy glory bring?

O Jesus, King most glorious,
Upon thy great white throne!
All that I am, all that I have,
Already is thine own.

O Jesus, King most glorious,
Bend down from heaven above,
And take the only gift I have,
My heart's supremest love.

O Jesus, King most glorious,
Once slain on Calvary;
When sin had nailed thee to the cross,
Love stayed thine agony.

O Jesus, King most glorious,
Love is the bond divine;
Accept the love I offer thee,
And let me live in thine.

—Presbyterian.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC

"LEPROSY"

This most terrible of diseases was a type of sin.

I Scripture Light.

- 1 A common disease among the Jews, Lu. 4: 27.
- 2 It infected men (Lu. 17: 12), women (Num. 12: 10), houses (Lev. 14: 34) and garments, (Lev. 13: 47).
- 3 It was incurable by any ordinary means. II Kings 5: 7.
- 4 Often sent as a punishment for sin, Num. 12: 9, 10; II Chron. 26: 19.
- 5 Often began with a bright red spot, Lev. 13: 2, 24.
- 6 Turned the skin and hair white, Ex. 4: 6, Lev. 13: 3, 10, 30.
- 7 Ceremonies for cleansing, Lev. 14: 3-32.
- 8 A leper was separated from all people not having it, Num. 5: 2; 12: 14, 15.
- 9 Cut off from God's house, II Chron. 26: 21.
- 10 Must have heads bare, clothes rent and lip covered, Lev. 13: 45.
- 11 Must cry "Unclean!" when approached, Lev. 13: 45.
- 12 Cured by God, Num. 12: 13, 14; II Kings 5: 8-14.
- 13 Cured by Christ, Matt. 8: 3; Lu. 5: 13 etc.
- 14 Christ gave Apostles power to heal, Matt. 10: 8.

II Typical of Sin.

- a. A common malady, Rom. 3: 23.
- b. It is incurable except by divine power, Acts. 4: 12.
- c. Changes one's whole appearance, Acts 4: 13.
- d. Separates from good people, Matt. 25: 46.
- e. Separates from God, Heb. 12: 14.

Religious Conversation Among Christians

Christian Advocate.

One of the best agencies in the development of the spiritual life is religious conversation, and perhaps it is one of the least used. On the part of many, and it may be of most people, there is an inclination to shrink from the recital to another person of the story of their spiritual aspirations, struggles, defeats and triumphs. Whether this is always wise or best may well be doubted, since great benefit must accrue to both per-

sons when there is a frank and sympathetic communion of soul with soul regarding the matters of the soul life. To speak of these things indiscriminately is to fall into a grievous error that is sure to work disaster, but to hold converse with one whose aspirations, intuitions, and experiences are in full harmony with one's own is helpful to the strengthening of one's faith, the encouragement of one's spirit, and the tightening of one's hold upon the things that are above, and that make for the soul's highest development.

Christian men and women do not hesitate to hold conversation concerning the affairs of the secular life. Why should they be so reluctant to speak to each other of the soul life? It may be because the latter life is so totally different in its nature and scope. The deep things of one's life are not exposed for public inspection, and the hopes and fears of the spiritual life are not to be exploited indiscriminately. Sometimes, by way of exception, there are those who do not speak of these things with what seems inordinate freedom and fullness, and this becomes repellent to those of finer spiritual instincts, and inclines them to become even more reluctant to speak about their religious experiences.

It would be supposed, naturally, that within the sacred precincts of the Christian home there would be a free and full interchange of sentiment on the personal religious life, but this is not always the case. Doubtless the atmosphere of the Christian home would be much sweeter if there were more freedom in this respect, if children were encouraged more generally to seek light on different spiritual problems, and help when in discouraging spiritual surroundings from those who are stronger in the faith, and who are able to give light and instruction. Too frequently there is reluctance, indifference, and even unwillingness on the part of both parents and children, and golden opportunities to become rooted and grounded in the faith are lost. It is unfortunate that this is the case in so large a measure, because if it were otherwise there would be much less uncertainty regarding religious things, less neglect of religious duties, less indifference to the proper worship of God and to the claims and services of his house, less disregard of the mutual spiritual obligations as between man and man, and a marvelous quickening of spiritual perceptions and enriching of spiritual experiences would inevitably ensue.

In the Book of Malachi we are told that "they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it," and it can be inferred reasonably that this communion of the saints yielded substantial spiritual profit to them. And it has always been so. The children of God have been a wonderful encouragement to each other as they have journeyed along their pilgrim way. There is no relation among men sweeter or more sacred than the spiritual bond which exists between the followers of the Lord Jesus, and there is no surer evidence of the potency of that bond than that which is always manifested in a season of

spiritual communion, whether it be between companies of Christians or between two or three who may be gathered together for the purpose.

It was a rare privilege that the two disciples had who journeyed to Emmaus with their stranger Lord shortly after the resurrection. That was a season of most precious communion of soul with soul, and it is not strange that the hearts of the disciples burned within them while the Lord himself talked with them. But that privileges may be enjoyed at any time by those who are in right spiritual relations with Him.

The more general participation in religious conversation on the part of Christian people would yield many beneficent results. Among others it would be an excellent substitute for superlative levity, slanderous gossip, the oft-repeated, wornout, and hackneyed stories, and even for ceaseless iteration of what the newspapers say.

The Mission Field

From the National Capital

Four more confessions last Sunday night. Trust that none will stop short of full obedience to the gospel.

In regard to baptism it requires patient waiting in many cases because of the lack of proper teaching on that point. Many of the ministers here seem to leave the impression on the minds of the people that it is an ordinance of but little, if any, importance.

We find many who "look wise" and ask, "Do you really believe that baptism is essential to salvation?" A very good answer is, "Baptism is essential to obedience at least, and do you think obedience is essential to salvation?" "He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." Heb. 5: 9.

On account of very serious illness of her mother, Sister Cassady has been very suddenly called to the old home at Sunnyside, Md. Mrs. Cassady is greatly missed in the work here because she is always found in attendance at all services. We trust that her mother will shortly be restored so that she can soon return to us once more and resume her work in the mission.

Sunnyside is a little plant under the care of the Washington mission. We held one weeks meeting there last year with good results. We hope to visit it again this year, and hold special services for a few days at least. The same is true concerning the little plant at Greenland, W. Va. Let me say just here to each member at those places: "Let your light shine;" live worthy of the holy calling you have professed before men and when your unworthy servant in the gospel comes again, it will be an easy matter then to have glorious meetings. Unless you are "living epistles" showing that Christ is the hope of glory with you, the most powerful preaching will be as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

We have had the pleasure of a short call